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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Upper 95 - Lower 96 Zone, Reservoir A; Upper 95 Sand, Reservoir A; Middle 95 Sand, Reservoir A; Lower 95 Sand, Reservoir A; Upper 96 Sand, Reservoir A; and Lower 96 Sand, Reservoirs A and B; LEEVILLE FIELD, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

MANTI OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Upper 95 - Lower 96 Zone, Reservoir A; Upper 95 Sand, Reservoir A; Middle 95 Sand, Reservoir A; Lower 95 Sand, Reservoir A; Upper 96 Sand, Reservoir A; and Lower 96 Sand, Reservoirs A and B: Leeville Field, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To dissolve the following described drilling and production units:
 - UP 95 SUA, created for the Upper 95 Sand, Reservoir A, by Office of (a) Conservation Order No. 617-C, effective April 21, 1965;
 - MID 95 RA SUA, created for the Middle 95 Sand, Reservoir A, by Office of (b) Conservation Order No. 617-J, effective February 13, 1974;
 - LWR 95 RA SUA, created for the Lower 95 Sand, Reservoir A, by Office of (c) Conservation Order No. 617-H, effective November 1, 1972;
 - UP 96 RA SUA, created for the Upper 96 Sand, Reservoir A, by Office of (d) Conservation Order No. 617-B, effective April 1, 1965;
 - LWR 96 SUA and LWR 96 SUB, created for the Lower 96 Sand, Reservoir A, (e) by Office of Conservation Order No. 617-A, effective November 15, 1964;
 - LWR 96 RB SUA, created for the Lower 96 Sand, Reservoir B, by Office of (f) Conservation Order No. 617-A-1, effective September 22, 1965.

each of said units to be dissolved being shown on an attached plat.

- 2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Upper 95 Lower 96 Zone, Reservoir A.
- 3. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Upper 95 Lower 96 Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being designated U95-L96 RA SUA and being shown on an attached plat.
- 4. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 5. To designate a unit operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
- 6. To provide that future wells drilled to the Upper 95 Lower 96 Zone within or outside of the unit proposed herein be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
- 7. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify the Upper 95 Lower 96 Zone, Reservoir A, by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.
- 8. To define the Upper 95 Lower 96 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Leeville Field, as the stratigraphic equivalent of the oil and gas bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 10,310' and 11,305' in the Texaco, Inc.--State Lease 264 Ducos Unit 1 No. 1 Well (SN 44083), located in Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.
 - 9. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Upper 95 Sand, Reservoir A, in Leeville Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 617-C, effective April 21, 1965.

The Middle 95 Sand, Reservoir A, in Leeville Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 617-J, effective February 13, 1974.

The Lower 95 Sand, Reservoir A, in Leeville Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 617-H, effective November 1, 1972.

The Upper 96 Sand, Reservoir A, in Leeville Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 617-B, effective April 1, 1965.

The Lower 96 Sand, Reservoir A, in Leeville Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 617-A, effective November 15, 1964.

The Lower 96 Sand, Reservoir B, in Leeville Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 617-A-1, effective September 22, 1965.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. David Comeaux at (337) 233-9839 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated October 11, 2006, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set November 3, 2006, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No conference request was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference will be held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of each of the plats showing the units proposed to be dissolved and created (which are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of each of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Leeville Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

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David L. Smelley

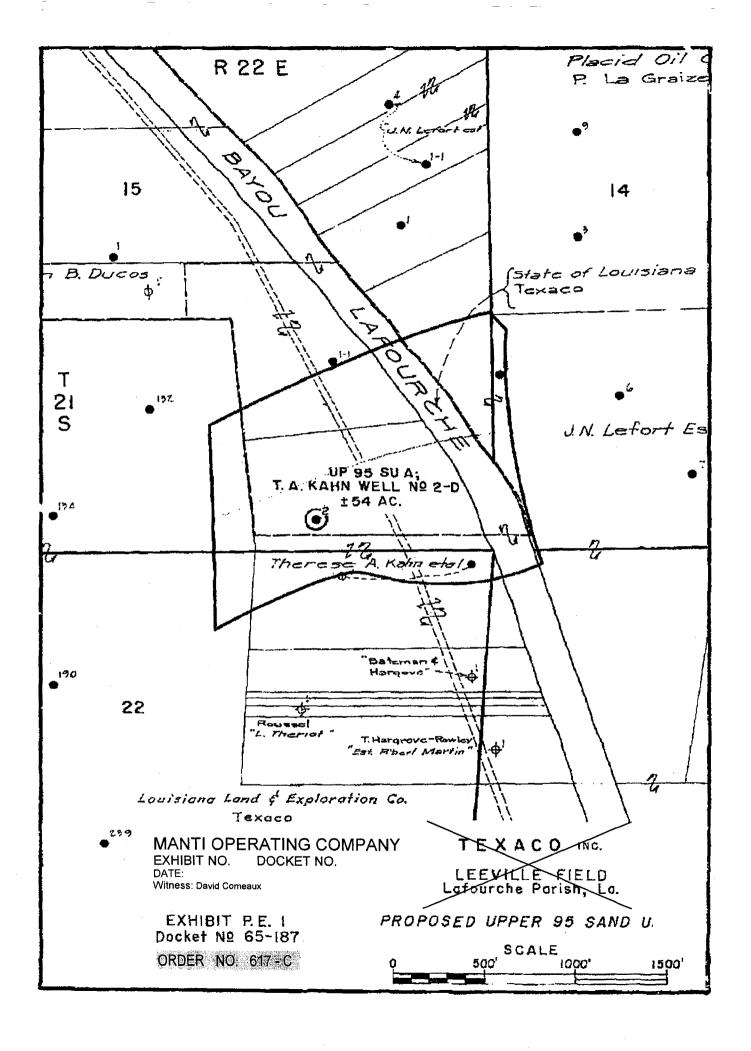
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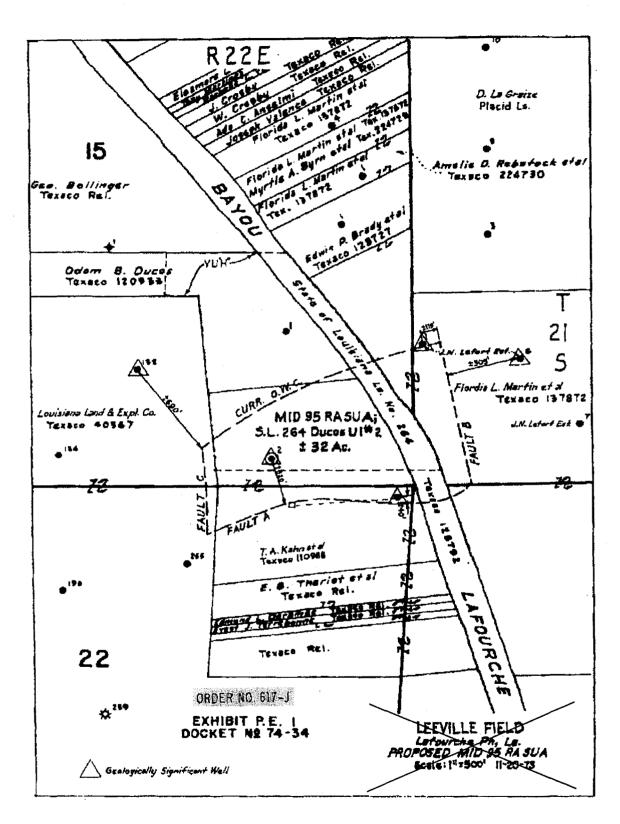
DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encls.)

Mr. Barry Clark (w/encls.) Mr. David Comeaux (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)





MANTI OPERATING COMPANY EXHIBIT NO. DOCKET NO.

DATE:

Witness: David Comeaux

